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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 68.50.105 and 1987 c 331 s 58 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Reports and records of autopsies or post mortems shall be
6 confidential, except that the following persons may examine and obtain
7 copies of any such report or record: The personal representative of
8 the decedent as defined in RCW 11.02.005, any family member, the
9 attending physician or advanced registered nurse practitioner, the
10 prosecuting attorney or law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction,
11 public health officials, or to the department of labor and industries
12 in cases in which it has an interest under RCW 68.50.103.

13 The coroner, the medical examiner, or the attending physician
14 shall, upon request, meet with the family of the decedent to discuss
15 the findings of the autopsy or post mortem. For the purposes of this
16 section, the term "family" means the surviving spouse, or any child,
17 parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, or sister of the decedent, or
18 any person who was guardian of the decedent at the time of death."

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19 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "records;" strike the
20 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 68.50.105."

EFFECT: Eliminates advanced registered nurse practitioner as

someone who would review findings of autopsy report with the family of the decedent.

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